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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Roubenoff et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/020,634 EXAMINER: Kwon, Brian Yong S.  
FILING DATE: December 14, 2001 ART UNIT: 1614  
FOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING AN ARTHRITIC CONDITION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With the extension, this response is due on or before November 5, 2004.

Applicants also submit a Notice of Appeal along with the appropriate fee.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.